

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2016

Selectmen Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Scott S Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Budget Committee Members: John Thalhauser, Henry Kunhardt, Stewart Brock, Nick Wilder and Charlie Pyle

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A. Pike

Others Present: Betsy Hardwick, Sarah Pyle, John Arnold, Tom and Kay Anderson, Robin Haubrich, Polly Freese, BJ Carbee, Jan Hicks, Susan Cripps, James Gann, Lisa Bourbeau and others

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Mr. Pike explained that he made two adjustments to the 2016 proposed budget based on the discussions at the last meeting. Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) was added to the Highway truck repair line for repairs to the Int'l currently under repair and \$1,500 added to the Fire Dept. training line for increased training costs. Each department was asked to see if they were able to absorb to costs within their budget and it was determined they could not.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee reviewed the MS-636.

Chairman Howell reviewed each warrant article and received the recommendation of the Board and Budget Committee

Article 6 – Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 7 – Ms. Abigail suggested an amendment to clarify the purpose of the fund to clarify facilities versus land improvements. Mr. Kundhardt suggested another amendment. Article to read “....shall allow the funds to be used for improvements to existing Town facilities in addition to improvements to existing Town buildings”. Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 8 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 9 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 10 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 11 – The Budget Cmte did not vote on this article. There was discussion regarding the logistics of the transaction and the use restrictions applied to the property. BOS 2-1 in favor

Article 12 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 13 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 14 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 15 - Budget Cmte 4-1 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 16 – A motion was made by Mr. Carbee to reduce the amount of the article by \$20,000 by eliminating the police and geo-thermal projects. There was no second to the motion. Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 2-1 in favor

Article 17 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 18 - Budget Cmte 5-0 in favor BOS 3-0 in favor

Article 19 – Mr. Pike reviewed the changes to the draft ordinance that had been made since the last meeting based on discussions and review by town counsel. There was discussion about the permitting of campaigning etc and how it should be handled. Mr. Howell offered that rather than by permit, the ordinance should state that the BOS will adopt rules regulating the activity and such should be posted. Further discussion was had on the penalties that may be imposed for violation of the ordinance. An amendment was made for 1st offenses to receive a written warning, 2nd offenses a \$25 fine and 3rd offenses a \$75 fine. The Budget Cmte did not vote on this article. BOS 3-0 in favor

The Board proposed the addition of a new article to the Warrant addressing Cressy Hill Road. To see if the Town will vote to classify Cressy Hill Road as a Class V, Town maintained highway, in accordance with RSA 231:22-a, beginning at its intersection with Russell Station Road, and terminating on the south side of the bridge over Rand Brook. Mr. Howell expressed that this has been a contentious issue for some time and that it is time to put the vote to the Town. Mr. Carbee stated that he is not in favor of the article. Mr. Howell explained the Board has received a petition to lay out a class V road over Cressy Hill Road, and this is a separate issue from the article proposed by the Selectmen. Mr. Carbee feels this article only classifies the bridge as class V, and would prefer the entire road be classified as Class V to the junction with the Class A trail. Ms. Arnold adds that if the original version is used, that it be amended to be 60 feet south of the bridge. Mr. Carbee made a motion to amend the article to read “from its intersection

with Russel Station Road to its junction with the Class A Trail.” The motion was not seconded. Ms. Arnold is not in favor of the amendment as the first section has been the subject of discourse. BOS 2-1 in favor

Mr. Carbee left the meeting at 6:25pm.

Consent Agenda

- A. Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests as of 2/1/2016
- B. Grant Agreement with NH DES for Scoby Pond milfoil control
- C. Herbicide Permit Application with NH DES for Scoby Pond milfoil control
- D. Timber Warrant, Map 3 Lot 29-1 & 30, Michael & Mary Murphy

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion passes.**

Correspondence

- 1. Police Department Press Releases for 01/18/16 – 01/31/16
- 2. Police Department Job Tasks Reports dated 01/25/16 – 01/28/16
- 3. Memo on Fraud Prevention from the Police Department
- 4. Town Administrator’s Report
- 5. Letter from MacMillin Construction regarding the Town Hall
- 6. Letter from SNHPC regarding traffic counts

Public Comment:

Mr. John Arnold inquired about the Cressy Hill Road article and suggested that it say “affirm the status” versus classify. The Board agreed to a teleconference with counsel on Thursday to revisit the language of the article.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Brad Howell

Scott S Carbee

Abigail Arnold